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Minutes Of February 17, 2009

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, in room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

- Senator Kuipers called the meeting to order at 1:06 P.M. The roll of the Committee was called by the Committee Clerk.

Senator Kuipers – Present
Senator Cropsey – Present
Senator Sanborn – 1:10
Senator Patterson – Present
Senator Stamas – Present
Senator Whitmer – Present
Senator Clarke – Present
Senator Basham – Present

Agenda

- Approve minutes from December 18, 2008.

Motion by Senator Cropsey to approve the minutes from December 18, 2008, was supported by Senator Stamas

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
Senator Cropsey – Yes
Senator Sanborn – Excused
Senator Patterson – Yes
Senator Stamas – Yes
Senator Whitmer – Yes
Senator Clarke – Yes
Senator Basham – Yes

- Approve committee rules.

Motion by Senator Whitmer to approve committee rules, was supported by Senator Patterson.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
Senator Cropsey – Yes
Senator Sanborn – Yes
Senator Patterson – Yes
Senator Stamas – Yes
Senator Whitmer – Yes
Senator Clarke – Yes
Senator Basham – Yes

- Senator Kuipers opens up testimony on Senate Bills 21, 22, 23, and 24.
 1. Senator Stamas, the bill sponsor, spoke briefly to introduce the bills.
 2. Chris Martin, a constituent of the 36th district, testified in support of the bills and shared his own personal experience with the committee.
 3. Shelly Edgerton, representing the bills sponsor, spoke briefly to further explain the bills.
 4. Chris Thomas and Doug Novak, representing the Secretary of State spoke briefly and are neutral on the bills.
- Motion by Senator Cropsey to report Senate Bill 21 with immediate effect, supported by Senator Patterson.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
Senator Cropsey – Yes
Senator Sanborn – Yes
Senator Patterson – Yes
Senator Stamas – Yes
Senator Whitmer – Yes
Senator Clarke – Excused
Senator Basham – Yes

- Motion by Senator Cropsey to report Senate Bill 22 with immediate effect, supported by Senator Whitmer.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
Senator Cropsey – Yes
Senator Sanborn – Yes
Senator Patterson – Yes
Senator Stamas – Yes
Senator Whitmer – Yes
Senator Clarke – Excused
Senator Basham – Yes

- Motion by Senator Cropsey to report Senate Bill 23 with immediate effect, supported by Senator Patterson.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
Senator Cropsey – Yes
Senator Sanborn – Yes
Senator Patterson – Yes
Senator Stamas – Yes
Senator Whitmer – Yes
Senator Clarke – Excused
Senator Basham – Yes

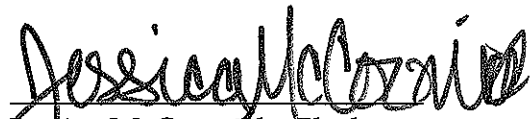
- Motion by Senator Cropsey to report Senate Bill 24 with immediate effect, supported by Senator Patterson.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
Senator Cropsey – Yes
Senator Sanborn – Yes
Senator Patterson – Yes
Senator Stamas – Yes
Senator Whitmer – Yes
Senator Clarke – Excused
Senator Basham – Yes

- Presentation by John Rubitschun, Deputy Director and Barbara Sampson, Parole Board Chair, "Overview of the Parole Board."
- Senator Kuipers adjourned the meeting at 2:56 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jessica McCormick, Clerk


Wayne Kuipers, Chair

March 3, 2009
Date Approved